

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air ANY slanted political commentary, including the anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Sinclair is OBLIGATED to serve ALL of their community members, not just those that agree with them politically. It's a horrible breach of public trust to take part in such targeted broadcasting. And it's a black mark on the FCC's record that its even been considered fair use of their media licensing.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.